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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PREVAILS IN LIVING WAGE LAWSUIT; CONTRACTOR TO PAY \$45,500 IN BACK WAGES TO EMPLOYEES

San Diego, CA—Using the National Council of La Raza's (NCLR) conference as a backdrop, City Attorney Michael Aguirre announced today the successful outcome of the City's lawsuit against Prudential Overall Supply, a laundry contractor that violated the city's "living wage ordinance."

"While the NCLR is nationally championing the civil rights of Hispanics, the San Diego City Attorney's Office is working hard to ensure that City contractor's follow the letter of the law when it comes to paying livable wages to our residents," said City Attorney Michael Aguirre.

More than two dozen employees will be entitled to recover unpaid wages, totaling \$45,500 for work they performed between August 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. In addition, the company shall pay \$20,000 to the City Attorney's Office. The Company provided uniform service and linen supply to the City of San Diego.

The City of San Diego enacted the "Living Wage Ordinance" in 2005, which requires businesses that provide services to the City to pay their employees "a wage that will enable a full time worker to meet basic needs and avoid economic hardship." Those wages are significantly better than California's minimum wage, which is currently \$8.00 an hour.

To view the court judgment, visit www.sandiegocityattorney.org; click "Significant Reports and Legal Documents."

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